

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to be in the form as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A television program selection system, comprising: a grid of television programs slotted for a particular time and channel, said grid containing a plurality of key frame images for each program; and means to select an area within the grid for one of the slotted programs to reveal a sequential showing of said key frame images for the slotted program within said area, wherein the sequential showing represents a continuum of the slotted program as it progresses.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said key frame images are invoked in said sequential showing follows the story line of the program.

Claim 3 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein one of said key frame images is highlighted.

Claim 4 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said key frame images comprise at least one sound byte.

Claim 5 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said key frame images comprise a textual message.

Claim 6 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame image is most indicative of the theme of the program.

Claim 7 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame image comprise a single color.

Claim 8 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame image comprises a bright border.

Claim 9 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame image comprises a sound bite.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method of selecting a preferred television program from a plurality of television programs, comprising the steps of:

- a) choosing a specific program from a display of ~~textually-described~~ a plurality of programs, wherein each of the plurality of programs has an area with indicia for that program; and
- b) displaying said ~~specific program~~ as a sequence of key frame images for said specific program within the area, wherein the sequence of key frame images represents a continuum of the slotted program as it progresses.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method of selecting a preferred television program in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said display of key frame images in accordance with step (b) sequentially follows the story line of said specific program and at least one of said key frame images is highlighted.

Claim 12 (original): The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said key frame images comprise at least one sound bite.

Claim 13 (original): The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said key frame images comprise a textual message.

Claim 14 (original): The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said at least one highlighted key frame image is most indicative of the theme of the program.

Claim 15 (original): The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said at least one highlighted key frame image comprises a single color.

Claim 16 (original): The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said at least one highlighted key frame image comprises a bright border.

Claim 17 (original): The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said at least one highlighted key frame image comprises a sound bite.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A television program selection system, comprising a grid of television programs slotted for a particular time and channel, said grid displaying a plurality of key frame images of each television program within a plurality of areas within the grid, wherein selection of a slotted program selected by a television viewer wherein results in a sequence of the key frame images represents representing a continuum of the slotted program as it progresses to be displayed in the area for the slotted program.

Claim 19 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 18, wherein each selected television program comprises a sound bite.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 18, wherein ~~said grid displays a sequence of key frame images for each program and further wherein said sequence follows the storyline of that particular program.~~